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Mr. United Nations

EDITOR'S NOTE: In observance of National Education Week, The Knickerbocker News today carries another guest editorial by an Albany student.

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To fill the position of secretary general of the United Nations is a sign of greatness in itself. But how much greater must a man be for his constituents to bestow upon him the title Mr. United Nations.

Toward what goals did this man aspire? He was not in search of power, rather peace. He did not wish glory, rather truth. He did not essay humility and humbleness, he lived them.

Was this son of a noted Swedish statesman really special? Yes, he was the greatest statesman of our age.



No man could match his ability for bringing opposite ideologies to the conference table long enough to reach a settlement. What were his secret weapons? A life of truth instead of propaganda; uncompromising integrity instead of the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency); and a deep love of humanity instead of 100-megaton bombs.

To live during the lifetime of greatness is to be influenced by greatness. His ability to avert both hot and cold wars may have saved us from total annihilation.

To say that Dag Hammarskjold is irreplaceable is to underestimate his worth. Every day that passes is a living tribute to Mr. U.N.